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In vain: By virtue of a far-off smile,
    Men may be deaf a space to gross behests
Of nearer voices; for some little while
    Sharp pains of youth may burn in old men's breasts;
    But—men must eat, though angels be their guests:
The waiter brought spaghetti; he looked up,
Hemmed, blinked, and fiddled with his coffee-cup.

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Well, wed him, then; and though there ne'er be folded
    A son in your long arms, you shall not be
A barren woman, having made and molded
    Whatever marrow of manhood lies in me.

William Laird.